

Memorandum

To : All IEP Principal Investigators

Date: June 1, 2007

From : Charles Armor, Acting Regional Manager 
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Subject : Fish Sampling Restrictions in the Bay Delta

Due to the alarmingly low numbers of larval and juvenile delta smelt being detected, the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) is extremely concerned about the collective impact of our sampling. There are a number of unprecedented measures being taken by the SWP and CVP to minimize their impacts, and the scientific community must be part of this effort.

Until further notice, all non-essential projects must cease fish sampling upstream of the Carquinez Bridge and downstream of Sacramento on the Sacramento River and downstream of Vernalis on the San Joaquin River. No project may take any delta smelt except the 20-mm, Summer Towntnet and Fall Midwater Trawl surveys.

IEP managers will be evaluating each sampling program to determine which can continue and under what operating options and triggers. We should be through this process within the next week. Principal investigators will be notified when sampling can resume and under what conditions.

Any further questions may be directed to Kelly Souza at ksouza@dfg.ca.gov, telephone (209) 942-6109; or me at carmor@dfg.ca.gov, telephone (209) 948-7800 or (707) 944-5517.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.